

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2016

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Richard Bennett, Larry Bischoff and Annette Thompson. Ed Nelson was absent.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Caitlin Richardson, Nutrition Coordinator, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent, Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Agent and Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Agent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes for Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Motions carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Thompson, seconded by Bischoff to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Behl reported on the WACEC Capitol Connections for 2017 will be held on Thursday, April 20th at the Madison Concourse in the morning and the afternoon will be spent at the Capitol. In 2015 they had over 400 participants attend representing Extension.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Thompson to approve the regular meeting per diems for October 17, 2016.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for September 2016.
- b. Update on the Clean Sweep grant application.
 1. Hoffman reported there will be a Clean Sweep in September of 2017 regardless of receiving the grant or not because Veolia also donates monies towards it (yearly) and since we have not had one in three years that money has been building up in the budget account. Should have an answer to the grant application by November of 2016. If we receive a grant that would allow us to hold one in the three locations, if there is no grant money is would be limited to two locations. Hoffman also reported that he applied for the maximum amounts for the grant which is \$8,000 for AG and \$14,000 for Household. Requested that the Committee start thinking about whether we want to start charging a nominal amount of \$10/car load and we would also have to have pre-registration for individuals wanting to participate. Roughly costs \$60,000 to hold the event. Beaver Dam is 2/3 of what is collected. A new requirement of the grant is informing Dodge County residents about the three R's, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

c. Update on the nEXT GEN restructure process

1. Hoffman handed out a colored chart/timeline on the process and explained what it looks like through July 2017. New addition is the part in blue (blue line) that they are starting an Integrated Workgroup (IWG) which will consist of eight members. They will be collecting information from all programming areas and will determine what the State and County levels will look like going forward. At this time this is the biggest question mark for all counties and this should be done by Feb. 2017 and by the end of April (2017) they should start the implementation of such program area recommendations.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Witzel: Witzel updated the committee on the office training program that happened last month. Youth leaders lead the opening team building program with ideas to take back to their club. Leaders then taught the individual session to new club officers. National 4-H Week was held with several clubs attending the Science Event in Lebanon on Drone Discovery. 4-H Recognition will be held on Sunday. She also invited the committee to attend the Fish Fry Fundraiser on Nov 11.

Carroll: Carroll reminder the committee that she works to strengthen families from cradle to grave; throughout the life course. She is currently working on several professional development opportunities for childcare personnel. She is also working on the Dementia Concerns Coalition Summit. Carroll reported that the screening of Paper Tigers went well and the CARES coalition is laying the foundation for a trauma informed basis for county agencies to work with people and families needing services.

Hoffman: Hoffman shared that he is spending time on administrative responsibilities of the office. He hoped that once the re-structure project was complete his programming would return to a more normal level.

Ortiz-Ribbing: Ortiz-Ribbing talked about preparation for upcoming winter meetings, which include the Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Workshop, Pesticide Applicator Training, Soil, Water, and Nutrient Management Workshop. She mentioned that she would be attending the ANRE Program Area Conference, and is in the process of preparing her needs assessment along with Amanda Young.

Young: Young reported about the continuation of the Farm Succession Webinar series, the fourth of which will occur in November, with a brake for the holidays and resume in January. Young also told the committee about her direct marketing workshop, and pasture walk both of which occurred in September.

Richardson: Richardson reported the name change of her program. The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) now has the name of FoodWise. This name serves a more meaningful title which better explains the purpose of the program. Richardson also told the committee that the hiring process for the nutrition educator is now started- with the hopes of having the new educator in the beginning of the New Year. She also reported on current teaching events that she is working on and has done over the past month.


Borden: Borden thanked the committee for supporting her attendance at National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in New Orleans last week where she attended many intriguing sessions that lent new ideas for programming in Dodge County. During the week, she was able to take a tour out into the countryside where different forms of agriculture (sugar cane fields) could be seen and learn about the levies along the Mississippi River.

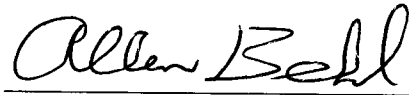
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, December 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin, rooms Admin 1H & 1I.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was motioned to adjourn by the order of the Chairman, and seconded by Thompson at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman